

REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/665,694 filed on September 18, 2003. Claims 29-43 are pending in the application. Claims 29-31, 33-34, and 37-40 are rejected. Claims 35, 36, and 41-43 are objected to. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that Claims 32, 35-36, and 41-43 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has combined Claim 29 with allowable Claim 36 and intervening Claim 31. Claims 31 and 36 have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 29-30, 32-35, and 37-43 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Drawings and Specification

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the retention bar in claim 33 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). In response, the retaining bar in claim 33 is shown by retention strip 808 in FIG. 8. Support for the retention strip is provided in paragraph [0046] of the specification. No amended drawing sheet is believed to be required in view of Claim 33 being amended to recite a "retention strip" instead of a "retaining bar" for consistency.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 USC §112

The rejection of Claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is obviated in view of the amendment of Claim 33 to recite "retention strip" instead of "retaining bar".

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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes Claims 29-30, 32-35, and 37-43 are in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. No new matter has been added. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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